

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
INSURANCE**

Thursday, April 27, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Insurance was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Mortimer moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2006 meeting. Representative Condino supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5661 and HB 5663 before the committee.

HB 5661 Nofs	Insurance; no-fault; premium discount to senior drivers who complete a certified accident prevention education driver safety course; provide for.
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HB 5663 Hunter	Vehicles; driver training; secretary of state certification of traffic accident prevention course; provide for.
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Representative Mike Nofs, sponsor of HB 5661, testified in support of the bills.

LeRoy Fladseth of the AARP Driver Safety Program testified in support of the bills. Mr. Fladseth also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Tupac Hunter, sponsor of HB 5663, testified in support of the bills.

Sally Steiner of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging testified in support of HB 5663.

Joan Rich of the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County testified in support of the bills.

Phil Hoffman of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to testify.

Krystal Rourke of the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services submitted a card in support of HB 5661, but did not wish to testify.

James Fackler of the Michigan Department of State submitted a card in support of HB 5663, but did

not wish to testify.

Representative Hunter moved to report HB 5661 with recommendation. Representative Robertson supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 17-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative David Law moved to report HB 5663 with recommendation. Representative Farrah supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 17-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HB 4790 and HB 4791 before the committee.

HB 4790 Green	Income tax; other; medical savings account for long-term health care expenses; create.
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HB 4791 Green	Income tax; deductions; contributions to medical savings account for long-term health care expenses; provide for deduction.
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Representative Kevin Green, sponsor of HB 4790 and HB 4791, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Howard Heideman and Scott Darragh of the Michigan Department of Treasury testified in opposition to HB 4790 and HB 4791. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to testify:

Larry Kish of the Life Insurance Association of Michigan.

Stephanie Wuttke of Elder Law of Michigan.

Ben Bodkin of the Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council.

Frank Venuto of the American Council of Life Insurers submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bills, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4790. Representative David Law supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 17-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt substitute (H-3) for HB 4791. Representative Sheen supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 17-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Mortimer offered the following amendment to substitute (H-3) of HB 4791:

1. Amend page 20, line 10, by striking out “**2001**” and inserting “**2006**”.

Representative Mortimer moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Gaffney supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 17-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Marleau moved to report HB 4790 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). Representative Emmons supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 13-0-4.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson.

Representative Condino moved to report HB 4791 with recommendation as amended as substitute (H-4). Representative Ball supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 17-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Hune, Robertson, Emmons, Gaffney, Sheen, Ball, Hildenbrand, David Law, Marleau, Mortimer, Hunter, Adamini, Leland, Anderson, Wojno, Condino, Farrah.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Representative Joe Hune, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
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